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REMEMBER THE BRAVE

Soldiers of the Kent-based Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment are asking those attending Remembrance Day parades to spare a thought for their 700 comrades in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as veterans of previous conflicts.

The regiment is also known as The Tigers and its forebears fought in 1944 at the Battle of Kohima, which halted the Japanese advance into India. The Kohima monument's poignant epitaph is one of the most famous in remembering fallen soldiers. It reads 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today'.

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■ BY MARIJKE COX

A VOLUNTARY group from Dover is travelling to Ypres in Belgium to help create a giant poppy field at the Menin Gate.

Forget-Me-Not War Graves, launched eight years ago by Alan Taylor, is taking part in the task, organised by The Royal British Legion, to remember the fallen soldiers of the First World War.

The work of the Dover-based group involves helping those who can no longer travel to visit their loved ones who died on the battlefields during the two world wars.

Its members also take crosses and wreaths to the graves of soldiers and lay them on behalf of families who are unable to make the trip themselves.

With the 90th anniversary of Armistice Day approaching, Mr Taylor is inviting people to give them crosses to take to Ypres to pay respect to those who died for their country.

He said: "The Royal British Legion is turning the lawn by the Menin Gate into a giant poppy field and we're asking people to send us crosses to place in the field of poppies on their behalf."

Forget-Me-Not War Graves receives emails from around the world asking for help in tracing loved ones.

Following the launch of the group, members helped a Maori prince find the burial place of his great grandfather.

Mr Taylor said: "This is something that we do free of charge to give something back to those who gave their all for us fighting for their country."

"We make trips to cemeteries twice a month

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Money-saving housing merger plan announced for the district

BY MARIJKE COX

DOVER District Council will help form a giant housing company if a merger of services with four other east Kent authorities goes ahead.

At a Cabinet meeting on Monday it was announced that the council wants to join forces with Shepway, Thanet, Canterbury and Ashford to manage its housing in an attempt to tackle the financial pressures affecting the authority.

The move could save the five councils some £700,000 between them and will keep the strain off the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and General Fund.

Cllr Paul Watkins, Tory leader of DDC, stressed that the move would also improve the service to tenants of 21,000 homes across those areas and enable the development of new council houses.

Benefit

He said: "Something has to happen here as the HRA is under pressure in all of these authorities.

"The idea is to merge housing management, which will not only help financially but will provide a better quality of service to tenants than they are getting at present.

"This is of real benefit to them and we want them to see that the future is rosy."

An independent tenants adviser is being appointed to explain the plans to tenants' groups throughout the district.

About £110,000 will be invested from Dover's HRA for the organisation and setting up of the scheme and a further £20,000 for the creation of a special vehicle company to start the building of council homes.

Cllr Watkins said: "If the amalgamation goes ahead, this will be one of



POSITIVE: Cllr Paul Watkins feels the merger will improve the housing service for tenants in the area

the biggest housing organisations nationally."

A management board would be formed under the agreement, but each council would keep the ownership of its housing stock.

Council tenants would also remain tenants of their current authority and no immediate changes would take place.

Cllr Watkins said: "Exactly the same staff will be dealing with the tenants, so there will be no noticeable changes for them.

"Effects on staffing would be in the upper levels and changes would probably happen in three to five years.

"Discussions will be taking place with trade unions on this."

Proposals have come from the East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee, which oversees the integration of some services between authorities in Dover, Shepway, Thanet and Ashford.

A final decision on the housing plans will be made in February 2009.



MEMORY: Poppies will be placed on war graves

Volunteers to fill field with poppies

FROM FRONT PAGE

and usually take with us two or three people who have been unable to visit the graves of a relative."

The members are hoping to get a large number of people to send in crosses and stress there is no fee involved.

Mr Taylor said: "The funding comes out of our own pockets, although we do get cheaper deals with the ferry companies. We don't do this for money, but simply to remember those from Dover and all over the country who died fighting."

The group are hoping they can recruit some younger members to get involved to help them carry on their work.

Mr Taylor said: "There are only two people left who fought in World War One and once they've gone a whole generation will be lost.

"It's up to young people to keep others remembering. The current members won't be around forever, so we need the younger generation to carry on with our work."

• To get a cross placed at the Menin Gate, email alantaylor61@hotmail.com or see www.forgetmenotwargraves1.piczo.com.

Recycling changes

A MAJOR expansion of recycling services is being launched.

From this week cardboard and plastic bottles are collected and leaflets, bags and calendars are being delivered to households giving full details of the new waste service.

The blue bag will be for paper, cardboard and packaging, allowing the black box to be used for plastic and glass bottles, cans and jars.

To enable collections to operate efficiently changes have been made to collection days. Information is being delivered with the new blue bag.

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Grave decision for a defender of the red box

Lasting connection to be maintained in death

A DOVER man hailed as the saviour of 50 of Kent's red telephone boxes has arranged to be buried in one when he dies.

For 22 years Graham Wanstall has campaigned to save the iconic K6 Jubilee kiosks and so far has prevented the removal of about 50.

But now Mr Wanstall is going one step further and has pledged to be buried in one when he dies.

He said: "After 22 years of hard work trying to save our British traditional red icons, I thought it appropriate to have a lasting connection with them."

"If I am dug up in 100 years, what they will make of it I don't know, but at least another K6 will be preserved."

And thanks to a German company that arranges for people to be buried in strange objects, Mr Wanstall's K6 passion can carry on long after he's gone.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Disused K6 Jubilees cost as much as £6,000, but Mr Wanstall said he expected a friend who owns one to donate it to him in the future.

His obsession with the red telephone box began when he was appointed chairman of a post office and telephone advisory committee in a village near Canterbury.

Traditional

He said: "The campaign to save the K6 Jubilees involves working with BT and local councils, but unfortunately BT demonstrates little goodwill these days."

"I offered to use my years of experience with the unique scheme to save the best of our traditional phone boxes, especially in sensitive locations, to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012."

"The proposal has been ignored by BT and not even explored or responded to, so we have to fight to save every suitable K6 kiosk in the absence of a national plan."

In 2006, the criteria to have them listed was changed by English Heritage and, according to Mr Wanstall, this has made it more difficult to preserve them.

Mr Wanstall is working with Sandwich Town Council to save the K6 at Rope Walk and is also trying to prevent the removal of the kiosk outside Victoria Hospital in Deal.

He said: "We lost all the police boxes and AA and RAC boxes because no fuss was caused, but at least we will have saved a few K6s."

"More than 100 are listed in Kent and over 2,000 in England, and more soon I hope will be added."

And Mr Wanstall can guarantee that one more will be saved if his plans of being buried in one go ahead.



Pictre PHIL HOUGHTON

CONNECTION: Graham Wanstall plans to be buried in a red telephone box when he dies

Check your sexual health at new clinic

A NEW free and confidential clinic is now open in the Dover district for young people who want sexual health screening services.

The clinic, led by highly trained specialist nurse practitioners, will test for sexually transmitted infections (STI) in patients who have no symptoms but think they may have come into contact with one.

Anyone under the age of 25 can go to the centre in the Deal Clinic on Bowling Green Lane. Opening hours are Mondays from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

For more information call the Sexual Health Helpline on 01303 228808.

Campaigners say housing plan puts green belt at risk

A COUNTRYSIDE group looking to protect green-belt land has raised concerns about the steep rise in new homes planned for Dover.

The Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is worried the Government's South East Plan, which has been under consultation until recently, pays "scant regard" to environmental impacts.

The draft plan shows development proposals for the South East over the next 20 years, with Dover set to get 10,100 new homes instead of the initial 6,100 planned.

Brian Lloyd, CPRE Kent's senior planner, said: "The Government stresses the need to deliver more houses, but its proposals for Kent are unrealistic and pay no regard to the fact house-building in the county has currently virtually stopped."

"How can house-builders in Dover, who in buoyant market conditions could only deliver an average of 335 dwellings a year between

2001 and 2007, all of a sudden now increase the rate of delivery to 505 dwellings a year? If anything, the building rate will fall as the housing market further stagnates, with house builders laying off workers."

Mr Lloyd believes that it will take years to return to earlier build rates and that "unrealistic expectations seriously undermine the credibility of the plan."

CPRE is also concerned about changes made by the Government whereby the number of homes earmarked for each area is the minimum number to be built.

Campaigners are concerned that this will give local authorities and developers the opportunity to put forward more development proposals at the expense of green-belt land.

Mr Lloyd said: "The plan is overly focused on housing, with scant attention being given to its impact on the environment and the infrastructure and services needed to support it."



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Dangerous dog injures three in street attack

A DANGEROUS dog and its owner are being sought by police.

A man was attacked by the dog, which looked like a pitbull terrier, in Tower Street, Dover, at 10pm on Saturday, October 18.

A 19-year-old woman and her friends tried to help, but the dog bit her on the stomach and attacked another person.

Both were taken to hospital with puncture wounds.

The man was also taken to hospital but refused to give his name, although witnesses believe he may be called Troy.

He is white, aged 18-19, 5ft 7in, of slim build and with dark-brown cropped hair.

At the time of the attack he was wearing blue jeans and a hooded top.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Gary Wright on 01304 240055.

Our young people are behaving well

MORE than 200 young people have been stopped by police in the Dover district as part of the Safer Autumn campaign.

Almost all of those spoken to were well behaved and only one can of alcohol was confiscated, from a teenage girl at the skate park in Deal.

A group of youths were also moved on and a 16-year-old boy was escorted home to his parents when he became disruptive.

More than 100 young people gathered in Pencester Gardens and Stembrook car park in Dover on Friday, October 24, but no reports were made about any trouble or underage drinking.

Motorists were more of a problem, with one youth being stopped by police for driving his moped in an anti-social way in Sandwich.

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It's all-change at St James's in Dover. Search 'st james'

ON THE ROAD WITH SAFETY MESSAGE



Gwyn Prosser has shown his support to two events promoting safety in the district.

The MP for Dover and Deal joined the deputy mayor of Dover, members of the town council and police officers who were out on the streets at the weekend finding out how safe people feel in the town.

He said: "The Crime Reduction Partnership in Dover has done a good job in driving down anti-social behaviour and reducing crime figures."

"But it's important that police and town councillors get out and about and listen to people's views, and Saturday's survey initiative was a very good way of doing just that."

Mr Prosser then braved the wet weather to watch the road safety open day on Walmer Green, where the Fire and Rescue Service and police were giving advice on staying safe on Kent's roads.

He said: "Road safety and speed limits are hot topics in Deal - especially after all the recent tragic road accidents on the A258."

"It's clear our local police and fire and rescue officers are determined to get the safety message across that speed kills."

Live exports action group is praised by Green MEP

■ BY MARIJKE COX

ANIMAL rights campaigners seeking improved conditions for live-stock being exported through Dover have won praise from MEP Dr Caroline Lucas.

Kent Against Live Exports' (Kale) monitoring of animal transportation led to an EU investigation and a subsequent damning report.

The volunteer-led group uncovered breaches of EU animal welfare law, but after their pleas for action were ignored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), they took their case to Europe with Green MEP Dr Lucas.

This resulted in an investigation by the EU Commission for Health and Consumer Affairs in Brussels, which sent over a team from the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) department.

Their report showed that many animals travelling through the port were subjected to sub-standard conditions.

Dr Lucas, who is vice-president of the RSPCA and of the European Parliament's Animal Welfare Intergroup, praised the work carried out by Kale.

She said: "The continued commitment and hard work on the campaign against long-distance transport of live farm animals has really paid off."

"With this report, the EU is sending a strong message to the UK authorities that more must be done to safeguard the welfare of animals being transported in and out of Dover."

According to Dr Lucas, the report identifies a number of breaches of EU regulation on the "protection of animals during transport-related operation".

She said: "If only the UK's own Defra had shown such concern."

Mark Johnson, EU correspondent for Kale, said: "Now the report has been published, we trust the UK authorities will take note of the suggestions and recommendations."

"We trust they will fully implement proce-



SUPPORT: Dr Caroline Lucas

dures to ensure we do not continue to see animals suffering, as regularly witnessed by our monitors and observers in Dover."

In response, Defra listed a number of areas they will be looking into to ensure requirements are met.

It stated that procedures are in place to improve on the transportation of livestock, including suitable water systems and ramp angles, regular checks of valid vehicle approval certificates and updating of office training showing changes in regulations.

Defra also stated that a procedure was already in place to tackle issues such as delays at ports or emergency measures.

"We believe there are effective arrangements in place for safeguarding animal welfare which would allow for unloading of animals in suitable accommodation, should the need arise during occasions where there are unexpected delays or when emergency measures are required."

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Jack's movie debut deals with horror of Holocaust

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A BUDDING young actor from Deal has made his debut appearance in a moving film about the horrors of the Holocaust.

Jack Scanlon, ten, plays a starring role in *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, now showing at cinemas nationwide, as a Jewish child imprisoned in the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp.

The powerful film tells the tale of a Nazi officer's son who makes friends with Shmuel, played by Jack, through a barbed wire fence.

The young actor was put forward by the Bigfoot Theatre Company, where he is a member, and he walked away with one of the lead

roles in the Miramax production.

Director Mark Herman said: "I saw Jack quite late in the process of seeing hundreds of boys. He can be moving without being sentimental and has a natural dignity about him."

"But I had to see who had the right chemistry with our Bruno (the Nazi officer's son) before choosing an actor to play Shmuel."

"Having narrowed it down to about three boys, we tried different pairings with Asa Butterfield (Bruno). Jack and Asa played very well against one another."

Jack's family moved to Hungary for four weeks when filming began and then the Warden House pupil, who was eight at the time, returned for another two weeks for the final scenes.

His mother, Fiona, said: "We're very proud of him - it's been a lot of hard work juggling that with his school work. He was so excited when

he got the part. He's never been on a film set, so it was a steep learning curve for him."

The emotional film introduces children to the Holocaust through the friendship of a German schoolboy and a Jewish prisoner.

Fiona said: "The producers were very careful about what the younger actors were exposed to as it's an emotional subject."

"They were really taken care of and didn't have to film for as long as the adults. They also had a tutor on set so they kept up with their studies."

Jack is now filming a three-part drama for the BBC and hopes to continue acting in the future.

Fiona said: "We would like him to carry on acting, but he knows school comes first."

"As long as his school is all right with him taking time off to film, and he continues with his studies, we will always support him."



NATURAL DIGNITY: Deal schoolboy Jack Scanlon as Shmuel in the acclaimed *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*

Liner gangplank collapse pitches tourists into sea

TWO cruise passengers bound for Dover were flung overboard when a gangplank they were walking on collapsed.

The Fred Olsen cruise liner, *Black Watch*, returned to Dover cruise terminal on Saturday after an eight-night cruise around Spain and France without the two tourists, who are recovering in hospital in Bilbao, northern Spain.

A Fred Olsen official said: "This is a very, very rare occurrence - a freak situation."

"There was very gusty weather and a particularly strong gust moved the ship and the gangplank got dislodged."

According to witnesses, two elderly passengers who were walking along the footway fell into the water below.

A crew member ran to their aid and was also thrown into the water.

The official said: "The member of staff was fine and was back on board the next day. Unfortunately, the passengers are still in hospital in Bilbao."

A rescue operation saw the three lifted out of the water within ten minutes and taken to hospital. But the managing director of Fred Olsen, Mike Rodwell, said the pair were "not in too great a condition" and were remaining in Spain to recover.

The 800-passenger cruise ship continued on to Dover at the weekend where it finished the eight-night cruise.

A spokesman said: "This was a freak accident where two people were hurt."

"It was due to the weather, which was particularly bad at that time."

The names of the passengers are not being released until relatives have been contacted.

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Dungeness	Saturday	4:06pm	6.0m
	Sunday	5:34pm	5.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:00pm	3.8m
	Sunday	6:24pm	3.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:46pm	4.6m
	Sunday	6:00am	4.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:05pm	4.4m
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Cape Town	19°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	11°C	Tokyo	16°C
Gibraltar	14°C	Vancouver	13°C
Hong Kong	26°C	Warsaw	7°C
Las Palmas	18°C	Wellington	17°C

Proud mother reclaims estate seat for Labour

LABOUR'S Viv Revell has won the town council by-election in St Radigund's ward.

The mother-of-four, who stood in the 2007 elections only to be ousted by Dover Alliance Independent Paul Verrill after a tight battle, won with 244 votes of the 746 polled.



WINNER: Cllr Viv Revell

Former carnival chairman and Tory candidate Mandie Sehmbe took 219 votes, but Dover Alliance candidate Ray White got just 86, resulting in the loss of his seat. Liberal Democrat Dean Stiles took 93 votes, Tony Ovenden gained 72 as an Independent, and Vic Matcham just 32, also as an Independent.

Victorious Cllr Revell vowed to put pride back into St Radigund's. The 48-year-old has lived on the estate her entire life and works at the Triangle Community Centre.

She said: "I'm very pleased. I was so close last time. I drew with Paul Verrill and they had to pull our names out of a hat to choose."

Cllr Revell wants to use her position to tackle problems with antisocial behaviour and lighting. She said: "I just want to do my best for the people who live here and give the estate a voice."

"I've spoken to many, including parents, who are concerned about antisocial behaviour."

The hands-on mum already runs a youth cafe on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, as well as a youth club on Fridays.

She said: "In the summer there doesn't seem to be as much of a problem, but in the winter we need places for young people to hang out."

Cllr Revell is already a district councillor for the Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory wards.

She said: "I want to work towards improving St Radigund's to make people proud to live here."

"The town council covers more than just the estate so I also want to do my best for the town."

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STEPHEN JONES



Q Who or what brought you to Dover?

A Ultimately it was the school that brought me here – I wanted to be head of a really good independent school with particular strengths on the pastoral side – I had been a housemaster previously at Radley College in Oxfordshire – and I was asked to apply for Dover College. The governors appointed me so down I came.

Q How long have you been head-teacher at Dover College?

A I started in September 2004, so this is my fifth year here.

Q What is your favourite thing about it?

A Dover College is just such a great environment to work in – both for the pupils and for the staff – and that environment reflects not just the physical aspects of the school, which is set in the ancient St Martin's Priory which is one of Dover's jewels, but rather more the social environment.

We are a relatively small school with a significant breadth of pupils in terms of background and nationality, and this makes it unusually friendly and certainly a charming place for all to live and work.

Q What is the hardest part of your job?

A Keeping on top of everything. Most pupils believe that heads spend a lot of time just drinking coffee made for them by their secre-

taries, whereas running an independent school is about running a small business. One needs to be able to balance the needs of the school as a school with the various financial and regulatory pressures that one comes under – one Head recently described the task as “spinning plates”.

Q Dover College did very well in GCSEs and A-Levels this year. What do you think are the reasons behind the school's success?

A There are three things that really count when it comes to academic achievement. Firstly, the quality and dedication of the teachers. There are always extra lessons for pupils who are finding something tough in class. Secondly, the pupils need to have the ambition and challenge to ensure they exceed expectations – it is important they work hard at the co-curriculum too, for this helps their academic work to flourish.

Success in one area tends to breed success in others. Finally, there is a need for the academic side to be seen as a team game – the pupils and the teachers are all on the same side and indeed the pupils can band together to generate a work ethic that will help them all; it is tremendous to see this happen and to see the grades and achievement of the pupils improving all the time.

Q What other achievements has the school had over the past year?

A We have had a busy year. The Independent Schools' Inspectorate (our equivalent of OFSTED) reported very favourably on us and they were glowing in their praise for the dedica-

tion of the teaching staff and for the outstanding pastoral care that all here give the pupils.

Our infant and junior school has nearly doubled in size and now takes children from the age of three. We have ensured the class sizes have remained very small.

Each year we elect to support a charity and raise about £7,000 annually. Last year it was Demelza House and this year we are supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Dover College has been in the limelight following a number of events hosted on its grounds; the splendid Tallis Concert in the Refectory – part of the Festival of Dover 2008 – and the Dover Pageant being the most recent ones.

Q Can you tell me a little bit about what you do outside of being head-teacher at Dover College?

A Apart from family things, I sail a small boat out of Dover when I have time and enjoy both cruising and racing. I also play a ball game called Fives – sadly there are no fives courts near Dover and the remaining ones in Dover College are used for something else.

Q What is your favourite thing about Dover?

A Probably the sea – and I enjoy the buildings, too. Dover is much maligned for its architecture, but 90 per cent of it in the town is excellent and one only has to look beyond some of the post-war building to see some magnificent Victorian and wonderful medieval buildings. I believe that the view from Dover College up to the castle is one of the finest in Europe.

Stephen Jones, head-teacher of Dover College, talks to **Marijke Cox** about his role and a busy year which saw the school receive a shining report from the Independent Schools Inspectorate

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Literary triumph from chronicles of disaster

BY NICK AMES

A SERIES of bizarre tales – some long forgotten – has been compiled in a new book by author Phil Mason.

His Kent Chronicles of Catastrophe and Disaster, just published by Countryside Books, collects colourful and strange incidents which have taken place in history.

These include a man run over 12 times by a train on the North Kent line and another train accident which almost killed Charles Dickens, near Staplehurst in 1865, when the Folkestone to London boat train hit a bridge.

Mr Mason, from Gillingham, has lived in Kent for 20 years and this is his sixth book.

He said: "It is not a dry chronology, nor does it pretend to be a comprehensive account of every terrible event."

"Instead I have chosen to shine the spotlight on the stranger, more curious and lesser-known side of Kent's history."

Also included are details of a First World War disaster when a munitions depot in Faversham exploded, killing 106 people.

Such was the force of the explosion that win-



NO FLOW: The time that Kent's River Medway dried up is featured in the new book by Phil Mason (far right)

dows were shattered over a 20-mile radius and the bang could be heard 50 miles away.

The first UFO sighting officially acknowledged in the UK took place over Sheerness in 1912, while in October 1134, during one of Britain's worst droughts, the River Medway dried up.

An unusual combat death is recorded when a pair of German aircraft attacked the Ashford to Lydd train during the Second World War.

A shot hit the engine and debris flew into the air, including the steam locomotive's funnel, which struck one of the attacking planes, causing it to crash in flames after it careered into telegraph wires.

The defeat of a French invasion at Sandwich is also examined, as is a torpedo which ran aground during testing and caused panic across Herne Bay.

The sinking of a paddle-steamer called the Princess Alice in the Thames is also recalled, as is a catalogue of disasters close to the Goodwin Sands.

The Princess Alice is the UK's worst-ever civilian shipping accident, as it claimed almost 800 lives.

Other tales include the loss of both Amy Johnson and Glenn Miller in mysterious air crashes, Caesar's invasion 2,000 years ago, the visit of Tsar Peter the Great and paranoia about a Nazi tunnel under the sea.

The author said: "Owing to its geographical position as the gateway to Britain, Kent has witnessed more than its fair share of great events."



'We are easing congestion on the school run'

A HOST of schemes designed to slash the number of school children being regularly driven to school is delivering results, county council chiefs claim.

Kent County Council has released figures which reveal an estimated 3,000 fewer pupils in the last academic year are being driven in.

In 2006/07, sample data showed 35.6 per cent of pupils were being driven to school.

For the 2007/08 school year, that figure had reduced to 34.1 per cent.

With more than 211,000 young people attending Kent schools, the council has hailed this as "a major step towards tackling congestion in the county".

It follows a number of schemes rolled out by KCC to supplement the Government-required school travel plans. Among them are:

- The Kent Freedom Pass – a scheme that allows students aged between 11 and 16 to travel on buses anywhere in Kent.
- Working with charity Sustrans to employ a Bike It officer in the Ashford area and encouraging cycling to school across the county.
- Working with bus companies to establish any issues around behaviour on buses and find solutions, so pupils, drivers and the public feel comfortable using them.
- Rating school travel plans to maintain interest and providing additional funding to support schools with 'platinum' status – achieved through introducing sustainable travel schemes.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "Nationally, walking and cycling to school has declined in the past 20 years so it is great that Kent is bucking that trend."

"KCC has worked with parents, pupils, teachers and transport companies to offer real alternatives and incentives for people to change their travel habits."

"Not only is it healthier for parents and pupils, it cuts down on congestion to keep Kent moving."



PAUL CARTER: Says Kent is bucking transport trend

Superbug infections in decline

A TOTAL of 269 patients in Kent and Medway caught the superbugs MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* between April and June this year.

However, the county saw 55 per cent fewer cases of the healthcare-associated infections than over the same period in 2007, the latest Health Protection Agency (HPA) figures show.

Nationally, C diff rates have fallen by more than a third, which officials put down to improved hand-washing and a clampdown on over-prescribing anti-

biotics. The figures are those combined from Dartford and Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells and East Kent Hospitals University NHS trusts and Medway NHS Foundation Trust, as well as Bromley Hospitals and Queen Mary's Sidcup trusts.

In all the trusts, since the period April to June 2006, the number of MRSA cases has gone down, from 68 to 34 this year. The number of patients with C diff has fallen from 502 in 2006 to 196 in 2008, the HPA data show. Laura

Probert, of the National Concern for Healthcare Infections, said: "Safeguarding funding for infection prevention and control can help as this is often the first pot that gets raided whenever a trust is in financial difficulty."

The campaigner, whose mother died from C diff at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said KOS Media's campaign to highlight the importance of hand hygiene in the fight against killer bugs was important in raising awareness about hand-washing.



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■ BY NICK AMES

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LIBERTY-CAPPED: Magic mushrooms are illegal

Not mushroom for debate after law is tightened

FOLLOWING police seizures of so-called magic mushrooms this autumn, it is clear that many people remain uncertain about the legal situation regarding the fungus.

There is a widespread belief that picking the hallucinogenic *Psilocybin* mushroom is legal but preparing it for consumption in any form is not.

That is not the case. The Drugs Act 2005 ended the situation in which fresh magic mushrooms were legal but those which were dried or prepared for use were not.

The Home Office ruled that the hallucinogenic drug was harmful to some users – especially vulnerable people and those with mental health problems – and acted to clarify the law.

Home Office Minister Paul Goggins said in a statement: "Magic mushrooms come under Clause 21 of the Drugs Act 2005. It is now an offence to import, export, produce, supply, possess or possess with intent to supply magic mushrooms, including in the form of growing kits."

Exceptions will be made for people who unknowingly pick the mushrooms in the wild or find them growing in their garden. Critics have argued that the act is difficult to police.

Although some do grow in the wild, the vast majority of hallucinogenic mushrooms sold on the open market come from farms in Holland.

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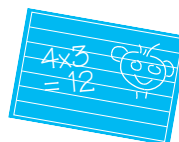
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BREAK TIME



Vouchers help with healthy education

PUPILS at Dover College have taken part in a week of activities to help them understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

The school used the Sainsbury's sports voucher scheme to invite sports instructors into the school to help children from pre-reception up to year six get active, including judo lessons and salsa dancing.

At the beginning of the week, each pupil made a pledge to give up something such as crisps and take up an activity.

They also tried a selection of fruit juices and a chef came into the school to help them make healthy food.

Teachers in the infant and junior school also linked subjects, such as English and maths, to the theme of healthy living.

Little boxes of love

CHILDREN from Charlton Church of England Primary School in Dover are taking part in the national Love in a Box appeal.

The scheme sees pupils from schools in the UK filling shoe boxes with small gifts for poor children in Ukraine.

The school in Barton Road took part in the Love in a Box appeal last year and hopes its donations can make a difference to deprived families at Christmas.

Music teacher adds colour to her lessons



DRUMMING UP INTEREST: All kinds of instruments are taught in the garden

A MUSIC class which started in the shed of a back garden has grown to become a thriving school in just eight months.

All Sorts of Music, based on Hay Lane in Ham, is run by Kate Griffin and teaches adults and children every type of instrument – even the bagpipes.

Ten music teachers work from the school, with many teaching GCSE and A-level music lessons.

Kate said: "I was teaching privately around the area for ten years and after I had my daughter I found it hard to keep travelling around all the time, so I set up in my shed in the garden."

"Now the shed is just a small music room. We built another one and now have three."

The school has some 200 pupils, most of whom are from schools across the district.

Twelve of them have learning difficulties, but for the five learning the piano, Kate has found a way to make things easier.

She said: "We've been using books called Playing With Colour which let pupils read colours rather than notes."

"Using this method takes away the barrier of trying to read little black notes and gives them one less thing to worry about when

■ BY MARIJKE COX

learning to play." Sharon Goodey, author of the Playing With Colour books, created a system using five different colours which relate to specific fingers such as a red note played by a thumb.

According to Ms Goodey, a transition to traditional sheet music is also incorporated in the books so once the children have built up confidence to play, they will be able to concentrate on reading notes.

She said: "This is something that has never been done before."

"Children often struggle reading music, even those without learning difficulties, so by using colour it makes it easier for them."

"When using conventional methods, children have to learn theory as a separate exercise."

"What happens in these books is that the theory is learnt at the keyboard with notes and sounds instead of pencil and paper."

The books will be used at the Deal music school in the baby and toddler music classes due to start in January 2009.

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Why we must stay calm in face of media-led storm

AS you read this, the polls in the US will be shut and the slow process of counting the votes will be well under way.

In fact, if you don't pick this paper up until the weekend, then the chances are the count is complete and the winner and their new First Lady are now choosing colour schemes for the White House.

In the Congo, blood-curdling atrocities are taking place leaving children orphaned or the victim. And if that wasn't enough, the world continues to teeter on the edge of financial meltdown as the stock markets drop quicker than Harry Redknapp's reputation in and around Portsmouth.

Throw in new scientific proof that the rise in temperatures at the North and South Poles can be attributed to mankind's influence on the atmosphere, and not just a natural cycle, and all in all it was a pretty strong news week.

Yet you'd be forgiven for not realising it. Because our newspapers, radio and television stations over the past ten days have been dominated by a misjudged phone call placed by

two over paid stars to the bloke who used to be the bumbling buffoon Manuel from Fawlty Towers. You really could not make it up.

Perhaps it was the glorious escape from day after day of doom and gloom about capitalism itself self-imploding... none of which most of us really understood, other than all our jobs were a little less secure. What could be the perfect tonic but a desperate craving for the blood of two celebrities for whom the credit crunch sounds more like a trendy type of apple than something to impact on their wealth?

Of course, there were some key principles at stake. Yes, the BBC has a responsibility to its licence fee paying public and yes, it was about time Jonathan Ross was exposed as the tired old bloated has-been he has become.

But the acres of news print and hour upon hour of broadcast space devoted to it, has been overkill on a level previously unheard of.

And the casualties seem to be mounting up at an alarming pace. First Russell Brand – a fine talent and whose radio show was, for those who had never heard of it before this fuss, an hilarious, witty treat which will be sadly missed – then the controller of Radio 2 and, at

the time of writing at least, the bank balance of the aforementioned bloated Mr Ross.

I could say we need to get a bit of a sense of perspective here. There are more important things at stake. And I'm sure Andrews Sachs – who has conducted himself with wonderful dignity – must surely be amazed that some messages on his voicemail have dictated the national news agenda for a solid week.

In fact, I will say it. We, as a nation, have this regrettable ability to whip ourselves into a ridiculous frenzy over things we suddenly attach society's core values to. But what benefit has losing Brand as a Saturday evening DJ or the controller of Radio 2 actually brought to society that a good old fashioned apology couldn't do? Precisely nothing, I would say.

In fact the only good is that I don't have to watch Jonathan Ross on the telly for three months. And the off button was always there for me to make that judgement without a baying mob doing it for me.

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TALK TIME

STEPHEN LEVINE

The general manager of the Leas Cliff Hall talks about the venue's plans for Christmas



What have you got in the way of a pantomime?
This year it's Dick Whittington, which will run from Thursday, December 18, until Saturday, January 10.

How are ticket sales going?

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Any surprises?

Yes, we have children's favourite Mr Bump from the Mr Men - he will be causing a lot of chaos on stage.

YOUR LETTERS

Lest we forget the debt we owe them

A poem for the anniversary of the ending of the First World War:

Forget us not,
For we made our pledge for you,
Gave heart and mind and life,
For peaceful times.

Forget us not,
Our cause for England's sake,
Look to those foreign fields,
Upon our endless graves.

Look to the skies, to where the skylark sings,
In freedom's flight, piercing with song,
The tranquil morning light.

Look on, and think not of goodbyes,
But with us pledge, that we, with thoughts of you,
Gave body, hope for future years,
Man's path would lead to right.

Forget us not,
When thoughts of England flow,
When in the fields, the abundant poppies grow,
For life gave life, as of the scattered seed,
And this our sacrifice, in England's times of need.

Maxwell Dunlop,
Folkestone



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Invest in leisure, not air travel

The expansion of Lydd airport has never looked likely.

Lydd is distant from large cities - just like Manston - and without major road or rail links it is difficult to see why people would choose to use Lydd over other airports.

In any case, journeys to the Continent are easily accomplished and, in my experience of travelling to and from Brussels, more enjoyable by Eurostar.

People in and around Lydd have a right to live in peace, without the increased noise and air pollution that airport expansion brings.

It is incomprehensible that the ordinary citizen has no right to protection from aircraft noise yet is protected by law from noisy neighbours.

We should be attempting to expand facilities for tourism and leisure in Kent, and Lydd is an excellent site for an all-weather leisure centre.

Linked into coastal walking and cycling routes, with enhanced restaurant facilities, a low-cost hotel and a variety of leisure activities to suit different age groups, it could meet part of the demand previously catered for by Dreamland in Margate.

There is no comparable facility in east Kent. Investors are far more likely to get returns from leisure than from an airport trying to expand during a recession.

We know domestic tourism is increasing, with more than 120 million stays of at least one night away from home during 2007. Overseas visitors to the UK during 2007 totalled 32

million. Imaginative investment will bring rewards for Lydd, not an airport.

Dr Caroline Lucas, Green Party leader and MEP for Kent

Please remember those who died

Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated as usual at 11am at Dover's war memorial, outside the town council offices.

An ever-increasing number of Doverians attend, wearing their poppies with pride, to show gratitude for their hard-won liberty, for which countless young people died.

I would like to appeal to all to bring younger family members, and to encourage family groups: "Lest we forget". Young people benefit both from the powerful message and symbolism and from family participation.

Many decry our young folk. Here, however, is a chance for them to learn respect and responsibility towards others. This, in a democracy, is the other side of the coin to individual freedom and rights.

Current conflicts have brought the reality of warfare into the lives of many youngsters for the first time. It is critical that our children learn what Armistice Day means and how vital the Poppy Appeal is in helping those who suffered, and continue to suffer, for us.

We owe a debt that can never be repaid. Please join us.

Cllr Diane Smallwood, Mayor of Dover

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week's letters). I agree, but fear we shall differ when it comes to detail.

All too often so-called improvements turn out to be the opposite for drivers: reduction of road-space by obstruction – sorry, 'traffic calming' – and bus priority lanes and gates.

Some congestion has been deliberately council-engineered. Dover District Council's local development framework contains many such proposals.

Dover's road schemes (notably the one-way system) were conceived before the new A20, Jubilee Way or the present York Street, when all port traffic passed through the town centre, and do need looking at again. Bridge Street and Ladywell successfully reverted to two-way traffic. Others might also, but we would insist for everyone.

Congestion and poor air quality in High Street and Tower Hamlets has resulted largely from knock-on effects of many roadworks and closures in recent years.

The Association of British Drivers believes councils exist to provide basic public services, not to socially engineer people's choices by selective 'encouragement' of what they regard as desirable and making difficult and expensive that which they deem undesirable.

Bus services improved only through subsidies to a monopoly which is taking public money, effectively profiting from publicly funded travel – and this in a supposedly free market.

They get paid for travel by some people; direct subsidies for many evening, Sunday and rural services; and then again via Bus Quality Partnership agreements.

Those easy-access buses would come anyway – in three years they

have to by law. Being bigger, they take more road-space and will be unable to negotiate smaller roads, making some routes less attractive.

A lot of people using them are of ages where they pay no fare, so of course numbers have risen.

Recent high fuel prices will also have had an effect.

Telling people to drive less and go back to buses is returning to a past from which most of us were glad to escape. Let the future be based on freedom of personal independent mobility. The council's duty is to provide for that – including parking.

The association is not anti-bus, just anti-subsidy/road-space-hierarchy, with cars at the bottom.

All this would be unnecessary if buses were genuinely popular (remote villages possibly excepted).

Reduced emissions will come from improving technology and different fuels, not forcing increased emissions and fuel consumption that occur from traffic calming and queues.

Ian Taylor, Association of British Drivers (Kent branch), Dover

So short-sighted to let Yasir Arafat go

WHAT a shame it is that Kent Cricket Club cannot see its way to keeping Yasir Arafat for next season.

He was one of the best bowlers we had in the county championship and by far the best and most effective in limited-overs cricket. Also he was an effective batsman in the lower order.

I understand the reason is that he cannot commit for a full season – but Sussex don't seem worried as they have signed him. Also, when

has that been a problem for Kent?

We seem to have players who turn up for a couple of matches and then head off after a week or so.

Why cannot the people at the top see when they have a good player who they should ensure stays with the club?

Peter Forbes, by email

Resolve to help beat cancer in New Year

It might seem far away to your readers, but the New Year is only just around the corner and now is an ideal time to start thinking about your resolutions.

We have produced a World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) diary for 2009 that could help you to keep those New Year's resolutions.

The diary is full of hints, tips and reminders to help you stick to that new healthy diet and active lifestyle throughout the year.

It also contains advice about what you can do to reduce your risk of developing cancer.

The A5 hardback diary also has some delicious seasonal recipes – such as asparagus risotto and rhubarb syllabub – proving that healthy can be tasty at any time.

To order your diary, visit www.wcrf-uk.org or call 020 7343 4205. Diaries cost £12, plus £1.50 postage and packaging.

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Lisa Cooney, World Cancer Research Fund

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Selected dates

Various venues

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Today Broadstairs sticks to its tradition of holding its celebrations on the day itself, with the hugely popular free November 5th Family Event. It will feature a small fun fair on Victoria Gardens from 5.30pm and free entertainment at the Bandstand from 6pm.

The spectacular firework display over Viking Bay starts at 8pm. Free programmes will be available. For details see www.broadstairs5thnov.event.org.uk.

Visitors can enjoy a spectacular fireworks display set to music above the Drill Field at Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Football Club in Canada Road, Deal, on Friday. Gates open at 6pm and the display starts at 7.45pm. Advance tickets can be purchased from the rugby club bar before midnight on Thursday priced at £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Gate prices will be £4/£2. Find out more at www.dealandbettefsfc.org.uk.

Leeds Castle near Maidstone is offering a variety of exciting events to choose from, with plenty of fun for all the family.

On Friday the Music and Light Firework Spectacular, suitable for adults and older children, will see the castle lit up by a musical firework display with lasers and projected images. Gates open at 5pm and the display starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16.

On Saturday and Sunday families can enjoy falconry shows and jousting tournaments before the Legend of Excalibur Firework Spectacular in the evening. Gates open at noon and the firework display starts at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £16 for adults, £10 for children aged four to 15 and are free for under-fours.

Pre-booking is essential, call 01622 880008 or see www.leeds-castle.com.

There will be more events taking place across the county on Saturday. Groombridge Place (pictured) near Tunbridge Wells will present a firework display choreographed to the songs of Abba and Queen, along with a mini Victorian funfair, a fairground



SPECTACULAR: Groombridge Place will host a fireworks display to the tunes of Abba and Queen

organ and refreshment stalls.

The fun starts at 5.30pm with the opening of the funfair, which will be open until 10pm. A ceremonial lighting of the bonfire will precede the firework display at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9.95 for adults, £8.45 for children and seniors and are free for under-threes. Buy tickets on the gate, online at www.groombridge.co.uk or by calling 01892 861444.

The firework display at the Museum of Kent Life at Sandling, Maidstone, will be set off by

Hollyoaks star Jake Hendricks, who is appearing in the Hazlitt Theatre's pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

The event starts at 4pm and the last admission will be at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £7 for concessions, £6 for children and free for under-threes. Save £1 on all admissions by booking in advance when you call Maidstone Tourist Information Centre on 01622 602169.

Smarden will be holding its annual parade at 6.45pm, followed by the firework display at 8pm.



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FOLKESTONE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Thursday, November 6
Folkestone Academy

ONE of many guest speakers at the Folkestone Literary Festival, writer Will Self will be introducing his latest book this week.

Liver: A Fictional Organ With a Surface Anatomy of Four Lobes contains a number of short stories featuring the largest internal organ in varying states of decay and disease. From a Soho drinking den to an assisted suicide clinic in Zurich, the liver is the starting point for some wildly different stories.

Self was born in London and as a child he developed an interest in science fiction, particularly the works of Frank Herbert, JG Ballard and Philip K Dick, and is now a successful author. He also contributes to a number of newspapers and magazines, as well as appearing on TV programmes such as Have I Got News For You and Grumpy Old Men.

With his impressive vocab-



ulary, dry wit and intensely personal approach to his writing, Self has become an in-demand columnist and speaker.

The event starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £12/£11. To book call 01303 842192 or visit www.folkestonelitfest.co.uk.

IAN SHAW

Friday, November 7
Harbour Café Bar, Margate



JAZZ fans will not want to miss a performance by the country's leading vocalist Ian Shaw.

Voted best vocalist at the BBC Jazz Awards in 2004 and 2007, Shaw has earned praise all over the world and is one of the biggest figures on the British jazz scene. He was recently invited to sing with the legendary Quincy Jones and his recent album, Drawn To All Things: The Songs of Joni Mitchell, was described as a stunning tribute to the acclaimed songwriter.

Shaw has enjoyed sell-out shows at Ronnie Scott's in London and over the years he has collaborated with an array of high profile performers. He began his career on the alternative cabaret circuit alongside such acts as Julian Clary, Rory Bremner and Jo Brand, but he changed direction when a jazz critic praised his voice.

Organisers hope the concert will be the first of many, with the ultimate aim of bringing great music to Margate on a monthly basis. Tickets cost £25, including a three-course meal, and are available from the Harbour Café Bar on 01843 290110.

THE VERY BIG PENGUIN BAND

Friday, November 7
The Bank, Folkestone



BE transported from Shepway to the cosmopolitan streets of Paris with The Very Big Penguin Band.

Although the band is based in Kent, it boasts an eclectic mix of influences from around the globe. The multi-instrumentalists use the accordion, piano and saxophone to take listeners on a musical journey across the world, from the Celtic mystery of Ireland to the hot tango of Cuba to the stylish pavement cafes of the French capital.

The concert is presented by Canterbury's Orange Street Music Venue as part of the Folkestone Literary Festival. Orange Street took part in the festival last year and is looking at playing a bigger part in years to come, along with bringing more great music to Folkestone all year round. The former bank in Tontine Street struck organisers as being a perfect building to host this sort of gig, with its elegant facade and original features.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £8/£6. Book at www.folkestonelitfest.co.uk or by calling 01303 842192.



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A scandalous interlude with Russian empress

TALLULAH Bankhead stars in risqué comedy A Royal Scandal, the next film in Interludes' autumn season.

Bankhead plays Empress Catherine in the black and white film, set at the height of the Russian dynasty and featuring a cameo by Vincent Price.

The screening will be at St Georges Parish Hall in Deal on Friday. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £4 for children. Membership to Interludes Stage and Screen Club costs £10 per year. To find out more call 01304 375533 or email interludes@btinternet.com.

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V For Vendetta author to introduce film screening

THE film adaptation of graphic novel V For Vendetta is screened tonight as part of the Folkestone Literary Festival.

It will be shown at University Centre, Folkestone, at 8pm. Tickets cost £4/£3. The film will be introduced by the novel's author David Lloyd at 7pm.

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Lending a savage intimacy to the spirit of Bobby Sands – the IRA radical who spearheaded the Irish prison-strikes of 1981 – Hunger is a no-holds-barred immersion in human suffering. The film confines itself to the Maze prison in County Down, where Sands bitterly reveals he's been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

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High school seniors Troy (Zac Efron) and Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) face the prospect of separation as they head off to different colleges. Joined by the rest of the Wildcats, they stage an elaborate spring musical reflecting their experiences, hopes and fears about the future. Expect a song and dance extravaganza.

Ricky's having a laugh

BY SHEREEN LOW

RICKY Gervais has come a long way since playing nightmarish boss David Brent in *The Office*.

After becoming famous for Brent's social faux pas and terrible dancing, he's become a comedic force to be reckoned with around the world. *The Office* is one of the most successful British exports of all time and he has a number of awards to add to his name to prove it.

These days he mingles with Hollywood heavyweights like Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller and Samuel L Jackson, but you won't see the 47-year-old losing sight of his Reading roots.

"I've only been in this business for seven years and I still pinch myself, particularly with how well *The Office* did and the people we got to work in *Extras*," he says.

"I mean, it's still weird to me that even Robert De Niro has heard of me, let alone wants to fly to England for a day. It's very strange."

Ricky insists he won't lose himself to fame and fortune.

"I still know why I'm doing it. I do it for the creative process, and only that. This [speaking to the press] is fun, and awards shows are fun, and the money's good – actually, it's brilliant – but I do it because something in you has to do it. And I think you've got to remember that, otherwise it will be weird."

He adds, laughing: "You'll see me next year – I'll be about nine stone and big white teeth, Simon Cowell's teeth!"

Now the actor-writer-director is taking on his first leading Hollywood role in supernatural comedy *Ghost Town*, following



NO BRAD PITT: 'I've got the bone structure, it's just well hidden,' says Ricky Gervais

cameo appearances in *Stardust* and *Night At The Museum*.

"I never thought my first film would not be written by me or Stephen Merchant [collaborator on *The Office* and *Extras*]," he admits. "But quite simply I'd been offered hundreds of scripts over the last few years, and this is the best I've read in that time."

Ghost Town sees Ricky play a dentist who has the ability to

communicate with ghosts after a near-death experience, but he openly admits he's not into that in real life: "I don't believe in ghosts or fairies or ghouls or ESP or crystals or any of those things."

Another first for Ricky, described as the "master of the comedy of the uncomfortable", is playing the romantic hero, although he says his character is not a conventional male lead.

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"My fear was people thinking I'm taking myself seriously so it was important that the romantic element was different and awkward, and I just didn't want that ending where the music swells up and I get the girl in the traditional way, because it would be nauseating," he explains.

"People would go, 'Who does he think he is? Look at him'."

"I don't need to be George Clooney or Brad Pitt. I've got the bone structure, it's just well-hidden."

He may not be Brad, but Ricky has his own Angelina in TV producer and author Jane Fallon, whom he has been with for 26 years. The couple met while they were studying at university, and have homes in London and New York.

Ricky, whose next project is directing Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe and Jonah Hill in *This Side Of The Truth*, says his dream role would be playing a villain.

"I would love to play really crazy bad, the worst person ever, that would be funny," he reveals.

"Like Hannibal Lecter but with less moral conscience."



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Lovely female, 26, 5'2", brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555 ②

HOLD MY HAND
Single mum, 28, looking for LTR. I enjoy cosy nights in, dancing, dining out. I'm 5'11", short hair, blue eyes. Box 445393 ②

TAKE ME OUT
Single mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5'8", dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, drinks, meals and more with. Box 439941 ②

HELLO THERE
I'm Helen, 31, 5'5", medium build, green eyes, enjoys music, cooking, seeking a lovely and lively male who enjoys life to the full. Box 443903 ②

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HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ②

THE TRUTH ABOUT RUTH
I'm Ruth, hard-working, kind, caring, 33, brown hair, brown eyes, nice smile, seeking down-to-earth and loving male to get to know and see what happens! Box 501072 ②

FUN-LOVING FEMALE
Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy for a happy relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 308734 ②

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves rights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 ②

SEIZE THE DAY
Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for long-term romance. Box 442392 ②

LOVE TO LOVE YOU
Lovely female, 36, 5'4", medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual. Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ②

PRINCESS FIONA
Fun-loving single mum, 37, 5'8", loves going out, staying in and having fun. WLTW a male to be my knight in shining armour. Box 443290 ②

NO TIES

Lovely, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573 ②

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5'11", enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796 ②

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 ②

LOVE AND HUGS REQUIRED
Fun-loving, carefree 42yr old, sports, loving, slightly 'mad', lots of love to give, suffering from neglect. Needing TLC and hugs... can you help? Box 887854 ②

POLISH LAD SEEKING...
Attractive polish lady, 40s, loves art, film, music, cooking and long walks. Seeking a fun gent, 35+, for a fun relationship. Box 445876 ②

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ②

LOVELY JOSEPHINE
Passionate and fun-loving 43yr old female, enjoys clubbing, meals out and cooking. WLTW a male to share genuine fun with. Box 445225 ②

ATTRACTION
Professional female, 43, enjoys dancing, walking, reading and cooking. WLTW an intelligent professional male, who can hold a good conversation, for a relationship. Box 444282 ②

LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTW a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 ②

SIMILAR INTERESTS

Bubbly, divorced mum of 2, medium-large build, 5'4", I'm 44, have a GSOH and enjoy cinema, pubs, socialising, etc. Box 445420 ②

LOVING, CARING & HONEST

Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5'5", medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks. WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751 ②

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 ②

ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 43157 ②

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MISS JULIE
Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 888162 ②

A MOMENT LIKE THIS
Divorced female, 45, loyal, funny, curvaceous and very romantic, WLTW a faithful and funny guy for a relationship. Box 889366 ②

COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5'8", a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889900 ②

YOUNG AT HEART
Compassionate, attractive female, 45, 5'6", big build, red hair, blue eyes, NS, enjoys good food, country pubs, cinema and weekends away. WLTW a similar male. Box 444743 ②

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Understanding, caring female, 45, 5'4", medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic puns, seeking male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873 ②

KEEPING COMPANY TOGETHER
Young-looking, South African origin, tall female, 45, long dark hair, seeking caring male, for friendship and hopefully more! Box 444232 ②

MAKE ME LAUGH!
Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5'7", dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442905 ②

LOVE AND LOVE FOREVER
Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198 ②

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 ②

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Feminine 49, 5'4", long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 46-55, Hastings. Box 447100 ②

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, I'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892649 ②

JUST IMAGINE
Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893592 ②

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 ②

FROM FRIENDSHIP

Hi I'm 46, 5'6", largest build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted Mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440892 ②

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Warm, radiant, witty, intelligent, attractive, black female, Christian, 44, likes music, jazz, travel, art, restaurants, theatre, seeking a cultured, NS, intelligent, solvent gentleman. Box 433075 ②

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'5", slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 ②

EVERLASTING LOVE
Beautiful black female, 46, WLTW a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, 5'10", pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship. Turnbridge Wells Box 445407 ②

SPONTANEOUS
Karen, 46, 5'3", medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a nice bottle of wine. WLTW light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445745 ②

ETERNALLY YOURS
Easygoing woman, likes most things in life: country walks, films, cinema, cooking, I'm 46, 5'2", medium build. WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 ②

HAPPY GO LUCKY
Sincere, happy female, with GSOH, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019 ②

LET'S TAKE A RIDE
Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTW gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 ②

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 443466 ②

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Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198 ②

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ABOUT IT!
African lady, 5'8", likes reading, current affairs and travelling, WLTW an outgoing, fun-loving and honest male to share the rest of my life with. Box 445122 ②

WALKS ALONG THE COAST
Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 ②

HELP!
Positive, vivacious female, 59, 5'4", loves art, seaside walks, music, seeks tallish, kind, caring male to grow old with...dearheart. Box 444845 ②

SOPHISTICATED
Mature female, 60, 5'8", slim, ash blonde hair, enjoys eating out/in and going to the cinema. WLTW a trustworthy and kind male with GSOH. Box 444886 ②

CUDDLE UP
Medium-build, 46, 5'3", likes dancing, walking, eating in/out, WLTW a caring and considerate male to stay in with on a cold winter's evening. Box 445123 ②

TO MAKE EACH OTHER HAPPY
WLTW a 5'8", fair hair, slim-medium build, enjoys dancing, sports, badminton, table-tennis, walking, theatre, eating out, WLTW similar male, honest, caring, to enjoy life with. Box 443871 ②

WOMEN seeking men

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE
Curvy female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 445412 ②

LOVELY L
Young-looking attractive female, 54, NS, friendly, sociable, love music, dance and history, warm and sparkly. WLTW genuine female for a close female friendship. Box 445146 ②

ENTERTAIN ME

45yr old female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular visiting, dining, loving and laughing, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854 ②

KEEP GOING

Hi there, I'm a separated woman, 51, blonde hair, I have 1 daughter, aged 11. I like having fun, going out, and enjoying life. Box 444555 ②

THE POSSIBILITIES

Hi, I'm Teresa, 53yr young, like animals, gardening and ordinary things! WLTW a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707 ②

ARE YOU MY MR RIGHT?

Independent, honest, caring and genuine smoker, 53, medium build, GSOH, likes socialising, travelling, WLTW a genuine and honest male for friendship, companionship, maybe a LTR. Box 887442 ②

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5'7", larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443642 ②

LAST CHANCE?
Lively, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTW gentle, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 ②

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 ②

CALL ME UP...
Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5'11", likes the gym, pubs, travelling, reading, cooking, music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444450 ②

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life. WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 ②

HAPPINESS IS...
Good-looking male, 36, short spiky blonde hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTW nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 ②

TRUSTWORTHY
Margate man, 37, 6'3", dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, gentle, with a GSOH. Box 423437 ②

SAILING THE SEVEN SEAS
Young-looking male, 38, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, good-looking, no tea, a carpenter, likes the outdoors, seeks lady to sail off and find love with. Box 444937 ②

GOING STEADY
Cheeky 48yr old man, 6'11", slim, looking for lady, 35-50, blonde hair, friendship and a steady relationship. Box 445819 ②

LONESOME LAD LOOKING FOR LOVE
Tall, 5'11", 5'8", blue eyes, educated, attractive, solvent (just), genuine, loyal, adventurous and definitely different. Seems beautiful with someone like you. Box 885814 ②

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Cheeky 41yr old male, likes pubs, clubs, meals out, cuddles and snogs, seeks female, 30-40, for friendship. Turnbridge Wells Box 445892 ②

MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY
Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laugh, days out and much more. Box 436996 ②

SOON TO BE DIVORCED
My name is Steve, 41yrs young, 5'8", normal build, looking for good company and fun with a female of height. GSOH is a must! Box 885615 ②

A MAN WHO LOVES SHOES
Good-looking male, 42, beautiful blue eyes, likes good music, history (books, Indian food and shoes!) WLTW a younger female, 20-30, for a LTR. Box 445833 ②

ASHFORD MAN
Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 41, 5'8", medium stocky build, brown hair, own business and home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 437225 ②

GET BACK
Tall male, 42, brown eyes, medium build, works hard, own place, seeking similar female, no hassles, to enjoy cinema, conversation, eating out and more with. Box 444892 ②

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BLUE-EYED BOY
5'8", blond-haired, blue-eyed, average build guy, 23, likes hanging out with friends, trying new things, meeting new people, seeking similar girl for mutual love. Box 888422 ②

LARGER LADY WANTED
Muscular white male, 35, 6'15", hobbies include: weight training, music, reading etc, seeking a medium-large female for fun, friendship and who knows what else. Box 444118 ②

MEET ME AND MY PUPPY
Muscular male, 34, divorced, animal lover, just got a puppy! likes scuba diving, mountain biking, looking for a female to join me on my adventures. Box 445821 ②

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Active male, 45, 6'2", good looks and SOH, kind, caring and sensual, into films and fitness. Seeking a cute to share life and love with. Box 445720 ②

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GOOD LOOKING MALE, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motor-bike, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489 ②

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Single dad, honest and easygoing. I'm 45, 6'2", brown hair/green eyes, average build, and I'm looking for a caring female. Box 445652 ②

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Active male, 45, 6'2", good body, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920903 ②

HELLO, I'M DAVE
Do you need someone to talk to? Active male, 46, self-employed, WLTW a female, similar age, to share the rest of my life with. Box 445746 ②

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47yr old male, 5'10", likes to have fun-just a big child really! WLTW an honest lady who wants to settle down with a kind-hearted male. Box 445875 ②

WHY WAIT?
Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Box 409782 ②

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5'8", enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421864 ②

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks. WLTW female, 36-45, fit, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737523 ②

SOUND GOOD?
Hi there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking slimsish lady 30-45 for possible relationship... Box 439919 ②

WANTS TO COOK FOR TWO

Single male, 43, no ties, very genuine, slim, 6'4", brown hair, green eyes, loves sport and soul music. WLTW a female to date. Box 445760 ②

LIFE IS A ROLLERCOASTER
I'm a decent, hardworking lorry driver, mid 40s, not your average as I still love to enjoy life, see new places & meet interesting people! Box 445778 ②

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME
Honest and reliable single dad, 51t11, interest include: electric guitar, pubs and clubs. WLTW a similar easygoing female, 25-35, for friendship and romance. Box 445852 ②

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Hi, I'm Steve, 45, brown hair, blue eyes, slim/medium build, likes sea fishing, cooking, DIY. Looking for a nice lady to share nice things with. Box 445891 ②

BORN WITHIN THE PAST
Hello, I'm Melvin, 44, I'm a lorry driver, 6ft, slim, GSOH, WLTW a slim, honest, caring, reliable and trustworthy female for a committed relationship. Box 445492 ②

ROCK THE MIKE
I'm Mike, young 54yr old, honest, caring and romantic, NS, enjoy cinema, walks and theme parks, WLTW similar female to fall in love with. Box 445810 ②

IN NEED OF A FRIEND?
Hi, I'm Chris, late 50s, huge love for life! Seeking a female for friendship in the East Sussex area. Box 445767 ②

HOW OR NEVER
Self-employed plasterer, 59, 5'10", blue eyes, medium build, likes walking, WLTW a nice woman, 45



PROPERTY NEWS

Not a licence to print money, but a professional business option

LANDLORDS will need a licence-to-let and a business plan to take out a mortgage, under new proposals published by the Government.

In a report that could halt the activities of buy-to-let investors, independent housing policy experts recommended measures that would turn letting property into a business rather than a bit of cash on the side.

The review, designed to root out landlords who provide a poor standard of accommodation, also proposed tax incentives that could include changes to stamp duty and capital gains tax for professional landlords to encourage them to buy more properties.

Dr Julie Rugg, the author of the report, said: "We want to see a new culture of renting, where landlords view themselves as hands-on businesspeople not hands-off investors."

The licence would mean that landlords who fail to measure up could have points deducted or lose it altogether and be banned from letting property – rather in the manner of a driving licence

Slight increase in mortgage lending

MORTGAGE lending picked up slightly in September but remained near record lows as the housing market continued to struggle.

A total of 23,422 mortgages for house purchase were approved by British banks last month, up from a record low of 21,342 in August when summer holidays helped push figures down.

There was also more positive news as estate agents reported a slight rise in sales for the month.

Each agent sold an average of six properties in September, up from five in August – the first rise since January, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

However, mortgage lending in September remained near the lowest on record and is below the six-month average of 27,481, the British Bankers' Association's figures show.

Upsurge raises hopes of market movement



KEEPING ACTIVE: Concentrated creativity and effort is key to dispelling the gloom and to preventing business from stagnating, according to property group Connells

PROPERTY group Connells has just celebrated its most successful sales and lettings month of the year in Kent – and it says it's not all doom and gloom in the county's housing market.

Staff say this shows recent initiatives have helped stimulate trade and make people aware moving is still an option.

They added that the rental market is also picking up and said as long as estate agents are realistic in what they expect to make and consider their prices carefully, the market need not stagnate.

Area partner Mark Weller said: "The results show that the property market in Kent is

■ BY NICK AMES

active and that large numbers of people are still moving or looking to rent.

"With the summer holidays over and people thinking about moving into a new place before Christmas, we have seen a surge not only in the number of instructions but also in tied-up sales.

"We expect this trend to continue as the recent reduction in interest rates could be just the incentive needed for those who were hesitating about buying.

"Houses will continue to sell, as long as vendors are realistic and their agent is prepared to work really hard on their behalf, using

every opportunity to bring a property to the attention of as many buyers as possible."

Other upsurges have been seen across the market. Canterbury was recently voted as having a continuing appeal to buyers.

David Bexon of SmartNewHomes.com said of the city: "Homebuyers are keen to buy into impressive history and status as a World Heritage Site.

"The local economy has grown substantially, with thousands of businesses based in the city centre and plenty of job opportunities."

Housebuilding is also going ahead in Ashford, which has been earmarked as a growth town.

Developers say they have taken fluctuations in the market into account and proposals for 35,000 new homes will be maintained.

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3 bed semi detached. Porch, Entrance Hall, 18ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Lounge, Dining Room. Family bathroom. 16ft garage/workshop, off road parking, rear garden, central heating & d.glazing.

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Three bedroom terrace house. No onward chain. Sought after Cheriton location. Gas central heating.

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Two bedroom double fronted cottage. Sitting room. Dining room. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Enclosed garden.

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Two bedroom cottage. Tower Hamlets location. Views. Gas central heating & double glazing. Front garden. Rear garden. Sitting room. Kitchen/diner. No chain.

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Three bedroom terrace house, sitting room, dining room, gas central heating, double glazing, kitchen/breakfast room, rear garden, dual entrance. Viewing recommended.

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Three bedroom house. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room. Second WC. Refitted bathroom. Charlton location. Established garden. Viewing recommended.

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WALMER £139,950 Three bedroom end of terrace house with double glazing, gas central heating gardens and garage. No chain.	DOVER £139,995 Three bedroom semi detached house, double glazing, gas central heating, garden.	RIVER OIRO £145,000 Three bedroom terrace cottage situated opposite Kearsney Abbey with two reception rooms, double glazing, gas central heating and garden. No chain.	DOVER £169,995 Two bedroom first floor purpose built flat with double glazing, gas central heating and garage.	DEAL £199,995 Three bedroom terrace house with gas central heating, cloakroom, garage, off road parking and garden.
EYTHORNE OIEO £200,000 Three bedroom detached bungalow in rural location with extensive gardens, double glazing, gas central heating, garage.	DOVER £249,995 Substantial four bedroom terrace home with three reception rooms in Castle Ward district. Viewing highly recommended.	WHITFIELD £275,000 Three/Four bedroom detached bungalow in sought after location with gardens and garage.	RINGWOULD Offers in excess of £300,000 Recently redecorated throughout this four bedroom detached cottage in rural location offered for sale with no chain.	LYDDEN £325,000 Five bedroom detached bungalow with established gardens and off road parking in rural location with countryside views. Viewing highly recommended.

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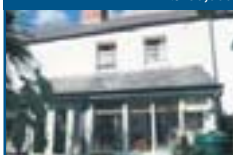
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MOTORS NEWS



Baby Alfa makes early arrival at Kent dealer

ALFA Romeo's sporty new MiTo supermini arrived at two Kent dealerships this week – two months ahead of official UK launch on January 24, 2009.

But the county's newest Alfa dealership, Lipscomb at Aylesford, Maidstone, and long-established Northgate at Canterbury have the order book open already on the charismatic Italian brand's new baby.

Prices start at £10,975 for the entry level Alfa MiTo 1.4 16V 95BHP Turismo and market watchers at the CAP valuation guide expect the MiTo to hold its value well – the Alfa MiTo 1.3 JTDM (diesel) Veloce should retain 47 per cent of value after three years/60,000 miles.



FG Barnes goes after sales drive with launch

VAUXHALL dealer FG Barnes has taken on the Chevrolet brand and celebrates with a major promotion next weekend.

The move follows closure of the nearby Dutton Forshaw Chevrolet at Parkwood, Maidstone, and will be marked by tempting deals on more than 100 approved used Chevrolets and Vauxhalls.

FG Barnes will also spend around £100,000 on a site revamp to accommodate the brand, with a formal Chevrolet opening in early January, coinciding with Vauxhall's launch of the all-new Insignia.



Captivating Chevy deal on until the end of year

CHEVROLET launched its spacious Captiva SUV last year with a fanfare – prices from £16,995, but closer inspection revealed that this was for the asthmatic front-wheel drive only petrol model.

Now Chevy is offering the more desirable fwd 2.0 VCDi LS diesel for the same price until the end of 2008, saving £1,450 against list price and bringing far better performance and economy – averaging around 40mpg – as well as delivering a high spec including alloys, quality stereo and roof rails.



LOOKING GOOD: Audi's latest generation A4 is a mixture of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and its longer wheelbase has enabled the car to edge closer to BMW's 3-Series

Audi's A4 spaceship is a 'best drive' – at a price

AUDI created probably the biggest cabin in the compact executive class by launching the all-new A4 earlier this year.

The car's long wheelbase wheel-at-each-corner format has also enabled it to edge closer to the compact executive car leader, BMW's 3-series.

If it is still somewhere short of the rear-wheel drive Beemer for balance and driving pleasure, the gap can be bridged by all-wheel drive A4 Quattro models, for a modest premium of under £2,000 against two-wheel drive equivalents.

Little else is modest on the A4 line-up though once you start moving up from the underpowered sub-£20,000 118bhp 1.8-litre petrol entry model.

Trading up to a diesel takes the threshold to £22,150 and options will pile on the pounds; our seductive 3.0TDSI Quattro Avant (estate) test car in mid-range SE trim sells normally for £30,300, but leather seats – they should be standard at this level – add £1,765 and the money pit then opens up.

ROAD TEST AUDI A4

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Our lavishly-spec'd car struggled to justify its £41,590 price tag.

Where A4 cabin feels well-made, roomy and durable at the £20,000 end of the market, it looks hideously over-priced at the other end.

Enough about shortcomings though, because there is plenty to laud too and especially when equipped with the creamy six-cylinder 237bhp 3.0TDSI diesel – the perfect riposte to claims that petrol engines are still best for refinement.

There is lots of pulling power on tap and the Quattro system transfers this tidily to the road to deliver 0-62mph in 6.3 seconds and a great drive – one of best on test this year.

The long wheelbase, wide track, low-slung stance and light weight plant the car well on the road and it corners with a flat stance and lovely poise, again aided by the Quattro system.

The ride is not harsh though and the A4 feels classy on the motorway, helped by that big cabin and, if fitted, the £1,100 'Open Sky' panoramic sunroof.

As for the Avant body style, this latest generation is a good mix of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and a sharp looker too.

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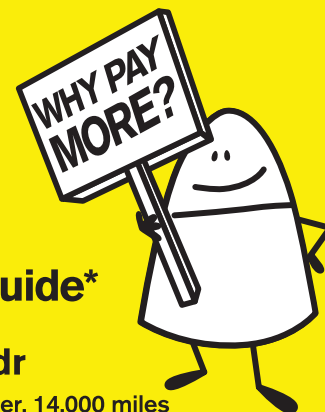
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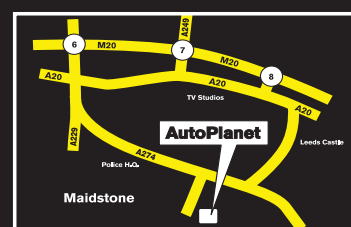
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FAMILY CARS

THIS sector used to dominate the UK car market, but sales have been eroded by new categories such as the 4x4 sports utility vehicle and MPV or 'people carrier' and encroachment by upmarket compact executive models like the BMW 3-Series, which now outsells the former UK market leader – the Ford Mondeo. Nevertheless, many second-hand buyers still like the idea of a spacious, comfortable and more conventional family runabout and prices can be very affordable, so here are three popular and contrasting sellers based on ability and value.

FORD MONDEO



ONCE the UK's favourite car, its fall from favour reflects changing tastes rather than the Mondeo's ability. The car's greatest weakness has been the badge – something the latest generation tries to overcome with Germanic quality. Nevertheless, the previous car was well-built, superb to drive and incredibly spacious. Apart from the best-selling hatchback there is a saloon and one of the roomiest and estates in the sector, plus a massive range of engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C5



CITROEN'S latest C5 is a stunning looking car inside and lives up to ads suggesting that 'the Germans' may be worried. The old car was less of a threat, but never mind the looks – look at the prices. The original C5 has actually proved to be a reliable and great value used buy, with a pliant ride and loads of space – the estate is enormous for anyone needing to cart lots of stuff. Diesel C5s are the star buy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VW PASSAT



VW'S previous Passat set a higher benchmark for quality and the new version raised the bar again. The German giant recognised that the best way to counter upmarket rivals, including sister marque Audi, was by upping the standard of the overall package. So the new Passat is more spacious, drives better than the previous model and looks good. Factor in some of the best engines, petrol or diesel, saloon or capacious estate, plus modest used prices and it looks irresistible.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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A4 SPORT, ex15epj, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, air conditioning, alloy wheels, body, metallic paintwork, cd player, stereo, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, grey metallic, 94000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual, no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £14995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

TT, QUATTRO, 2003, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual, no. of doors: 2, silver, 41000 miles, £13995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

BMW

3 SERIES, 325CI CONV AUTO, 2128188, titanium silver, 0 miles, £11,000, HG Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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CITROEN

C2, 1.1i COOL, 3dr, 2008, 1.1i cool 3dr hatch up abs, blue, 1000 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.6i 16V Exclusive 5dr AUTO, 1.6i 16v exclusive 5dr auto hatch, arctic steel, 1000 miles, £10895, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i SX 5dr, 2004, 1.4i sx 5dr hatch, wicker red, 26000 miles, £5195, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i HDI SX 5dr, 2002, 1.4i hd sx 5dr diesel hatch, misty lilac, 41729 miles, £4395, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i SX 5dr, 2005, 1.4i sx 5dr hatch, red, 20000 miles, £5495, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 HDI 16V SX 5dr, 2004, 1.4i hd 16v sx 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 63973 miles, £4995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C3, 1.6 HDI 16V Exclusive Plus 5dr, 2008, 1.6i hd 16v exclusive plus 5dr hatch special edition, grey, 4000 miles, £3945, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 HDI Rhythm 5dr, 2008, 1.4i hd rhythm 5dr diesel hatch, grey, 6000 miles, £7995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Rhythm 5dr, 2008, 1.4i rhythm 5dr hatch, silver, 6000 miles, £5995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Desire 5dr, 2005, 1.4i desire 5dr hatch special edition, blue, 44000 miles, £4495, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i HDI Cachat 5dr, 2008, 1.4i hd cachat 5dr hatch special edition, blue, 2600 miles, £7995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Cool 5dr, 2007, 1.4i cool 5dr hatch special edition, arctic steel, 7500 miles, £6895, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.6 16V Exclusive Plus 5dr AUTO, 1.6i 16v exclusive plus 5dr auto hatch special edition, wicker red, 1000 miles, £10295, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.6i 16V VTR Plus 5dr, 0he0ja, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, air conditioning, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, alloys, arctic steel met, 15245 miles, £3695, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

FIAT

COUPE, 2.0 16V, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.2 Dynamic 8v, ex50mc, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, twin air bags, colour coded body, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 28000 miles, £4990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, 1.6TDCI Style 5dr (2007 -), 29/09/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering electric windows, silver, 4694 miles, £10400, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 ZETEC Climate, 2005, greens, 6970 miles, £6495, CB Motors, Tenfenden, 01580 756011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec 3dr [Climate], gk07ygd, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbags, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, 23000 miles, £5995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec S 3dr half leather tack pack, oe57aao, adjustable seat, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbags, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, silver, 7000 miles, £5995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Freedom 3dr, gk56ujb, adjustable seats, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbags, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, 0 miles, £5695, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style 3dr, i57aao, metallic amethyst, abs, adjustable seats, driver airbags, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, mauve, 10000 miles, £6495, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec 3dr [Climate], gk57xao, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbags, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, 0 miles, £5695, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec 3dr [Climate], ex083do, metallic moon dust, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbags, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, 19000 miles, £5500, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, 2.2i-CDTi SPORT with HFT, gk07aao, body colour bumpers, cruise control, internally adjustable headlight height, front electric windows, honda superlocks (deadlocks), dual curtain srs airbags front and rear, 5 x 3 point seat belts, height adjustable front seat belts, adjustable dashboard illumination, dual front srs airbags, lockable underfloor storage, power tailgate (remote operated), tilt and telescopic steering wheel adjustment, front foglights, iso fix childseat restraint mechanism, head absorbing front windows, rolling code ecg engine immobiliser, central locking, rear electric windows, rear cupholders, alabaster silver metallic, 5980 miles, £17995, 0000, Barretts Honda, Canterbury, 0845 3709769 (TRADE)

CIVIC, MAX 5dr, au02 xpg, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, silver, 63500 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i HDI Rhythm 5dr, 2008, 1.4i hd rhythm 5dr diesel hatch, grey, 6000 miles, £7995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Rhythm 5dr, 2008, 1.4i rhythm 5dr hatch, silver, 6000 miles, £5995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Desire 5dr, 2005, 1.4i desire 5dr hatch special edition, blue, 44000 miles, £4495, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i HDI Cachat 5dr, 2008, 1.4i hd cachat 5dr hatch special edition, blue, 2600 miles, £7995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Cool 5dr, 2007, 1.4i cool 5dr hatch special edition, arctic steel, 7500 miles, £6895, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

X-TYPE, 16 3.0 SE AUTOMATIC, 51 (with private plate), 01 (p/p) jaguar x-type v6 3.0 se auto, metallic sky blue coachwork with cream leather trim, alloy jaguar refinements to include: power seats, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, cd multiplexer with additional harmonic harden hi-fi pack, multiple air bags, adjustable steering position, alloy wheels etc. etc. only £3995, metallic blue, 51000 miles, £3695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 242424 (TRADE)

JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI GS 5dr, gk07wjp, air-conditioning, abs + ebd, air, cd player, insurance group 10, red, 17900 miles, £3694, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 90 TDS Soft Top, g510ep, power steering, tow pack, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, side hinged tailgate, stickers on sides of vehicle are removable, road tax is £210 per year on this vehicle, green, 18000 miles, £11995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, GT 5dr, v674du, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 87000 miles, £2599, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8i 8M, 678461, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, locking wheel nuts, centre armrest, twin air bags, computer, driver airbags, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, 23000 miles, £5995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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MX-5, 1.8i Sport 2dr, abs, alarm, electric front windows, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote central locking, full leather, head restraints, retractable headrests, sports seats, power steering, air bag, twin air bags, colour coded body, automatic electric windows, cd player, leather head restraints, radio, stereo, 16" alloys, black, £4449 miles, £5899, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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MX-5, 1.8i Nevada 2dr, gk03cef, abs, electric front windows, cd player, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, full leather, centre armrest, heated seats, sports seats, power steering, air bag, twin air bags, electric aerial, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, radio, stereo, 16" alloys, silver, 23993 miles, £7250, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

MINI

MINI COOPER S, 06, perfect condition, low mileage, 1 lady owner from new, garaged, low mileage, great car, pepper white / black roof, 9200 miles, £13225, Canterbury, 07730 666223 (PRIVATE)

COOPER S, 1.6 3 DR, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual, no. of doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £3995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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COLT, 1.5 CZT 3dr, gk55tuh, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, insurance group 9, black, 13000 miles, £3994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LANCER, 1.6i Equippe 5dr, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, insurance group 9, black, 13000 miles, £3994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

NISSAN

KUBISTAR, SE dci 70, 870182, side load door, ply-lined, cd player, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, power steering, remote central locking, wheel, 25000 miles, £4395, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

PRIMERA, sport, 2001, met red with black with fleck, 66046 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

106, INDEPENDANCE, 2000, green with black, 43968 miles, £2195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 SE 3dr Trip Auto [DAC+CC], 12548217, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, onyx black, 25713 miles, £5499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, 1.2 Fijdi Ltd Edn Hatchback 3dr 1171cc, k950wel, november 08 mot ideal 1st car, blue, 5595, 000 Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, DYNAMIQUE 16V 5dr, 4568314, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, half leather, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, metallic paintwork, abs, air bag, adjustable steering column, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 16" alloys, grey, 30000 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

MEGANE, Sport 225, 2005, trim: leather engine size: 2000 transmission: manual, no. of doors: 3, extreme orange, 20400 miles, £11995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 1.6 VWT 115 Expression Hatchback 5dr 1598cc, au05fyn, driver seat height adjustable, driver information system, power-assisted steering, rack/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, radio/cd, six speakers, front fog lights, electric/height door mirrors, body coloured bumpers, air conditioning, front/rear armrest, front/rear electric windows, front/rear head restraints, driver seat lumbar support, audio steering wheel mounted controls, anti-lock brakes, driver/passenger/front side air bags, centre rear seat belt, front/rear head air bags, remote central door locking, immobiliser, spare wheel, red, 31900 miles, £4990, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377444 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 1.6 16V Dynamique Hatchback 5dr 1598cc, 552005, electric windows electric mirrors radio/cd player auto alloy wheels front fog lights & more!!!, metallic red, 16,000 miles, £5995, Chertlton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MEGANE, Oasis 1.4, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual, no. of doors: 5, blue, 31000 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Firms clamping down on 'social networking'

ONE in three firms in southern England has tough policies for stopping staff social networking, according to new research.

UK firms are the strictest in Europe for not allowing staff to access Facebook and other social networking sites at work.

A new report by mobile network provider 3 reveals that millions of us are social networking during office hours.

Thirty per cent of people in the region surf social networking sites while at work and experts have now coined the term 'social networking' to describe the trend.

It has reached endemic proportions but bosses aren't impressed, with many now imposing official restrictions.

Contract hard sell

BUSINESSES are still overlooking one of the most critical parts of a firm – IT support – says a county expert.

Stuart Kenny, director of Liquid Knowledge in Ashford, said: "Many businesses renew their IT contract habitually and have found their contracts are either lacking in terms of support or far exceed their requirements."

"Basic hardware warranties offer limited peace of mind as modern IT equipment is robust and stable."

"Only 10 per cent of all warranty claims involve hardware. The other 90 per cent relate to software and it is only when software problems have to be resolved that the business owner realises their warranty is hardware-based only."

Data security deficit

A LARGE part of the South East's workforce does not know how or where personal and company data is stored.

They also do not understand the importance of keeping data secure, according to a survey commissioned by data centre and computer room specialists Migration Solutions. Almost half of respondents surveyed had never heard of data centres.

And 39 per cent had no idea where their company data was stored, while 45 per cent of respondents believed their company's data was stored on the server.

Half were unsure if their company backed up its data, while a tenth knew for sure that their company did not.

A quarter believed a long-term IT disaster at head office, such as flood or fire, would have no impact on the business at all.

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Savers batten down the economic hatch

■ BY TONY PATEY



PENNY WISE: Savers in the South East are the canniest in the country

MORE than three-quarters of South East small-business owners are holding onto their cash rather than making immediate decisions about investment because of economic uncertainties.

According to new research by Bank of Scotland Business Banking, over the next 12 months, two in five plan to put aside money for future investment in the business, while a third plan to put aside money in savings to earn interest.

A third plan to put aside money for insurance against hard times and a further worsening in economic conditions.

Britain's small-business owners are currently saving more than £1 billion every month, and a quarter of SMEs in the South East are investing more back into their business than they are saving.

Slightly more are saving and investing in equal amounts, and only one in eight is saving more each month than they are investing back into the business. A third of small-business owners are neither saving nor investing.

Peter Wood, head of strategy and products at Bank of Scotland Business Banking, said: "In a more cautious economic climate, where saving is prioritised over investment, it's vital that SMEs find the best home for their surplus cash."

Meantime, with individuals, almost a third of people in the South East have changed spending habits in the last six months and spent less to cope with the credit crunch – and the region now has the biggest savers.

The average savings balance is £15,493 compared with a national average of £12,703. Scots are reckoned to be the worst savers, with an average stash of £9,939.

Figures released by Lloyds TSB Consumer Banking reveals that more than half of respondents in the region are taking action to clear their debts. Individuals in the South East have, on average, unsecured debt of £2,800, slightly above the national average of £2,771.

A third have increased the amount they pay off each month, compared with only 24 per cent in the North East – the UK's most indebted region.

However, when it comes to long-term saving, 32 per cent of respondents say they do not have a pension, while 57 per cent admit they are concerned about not having enough money for retirement.

In fact, one in five of inhabitants in the region has less than £500 in their savings, leaving them potentially vulnerable to financial difficulty in these uncertain times.

Over half of savers in the South East say they are putting money aside for a rainy day or emergencies. Almost a third are saving for holidays and 27 per cent are putting money away for their retirement. One in five say they are saving for future increases in household bills.

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Job done, now Town focus on their nearest rivals

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STRIKE: Dale Skelton scored his third goal of the season in Hythe's cup win

HYTHE Town prepared for Saturday's Kent League top-of-the-table clash by completing a comfortable Premier Division Cup win over Sporting Bengal United.

After winning the first leg 10-1 at Reachfields, the result was beyond doubt before the second leg.

Goals from Pat Kingwell and Dale Skelton gave the visitors a 2-0 lead at half-time, but Sporting Bengal hit back twice after the break to draw level.

Hythe only regained the lead in the final five minutes, with strikes from Darren Walmsley and new signing Scott Bouvier.

Town boss Paul Fisk said: "After the first leg it was a bit of a strange situation really. Although you want to rest

FOOTBALL

Sporting Bengal United 2

Hythe Town 4 (Hythe win 14-3 on aggregate)

players, the players themselves want to play. Scott [Bouvier] was top scorer for Ashford Town's reserves last season. He's a promising player and one for the future because Buster [Smitten] is out for the long term.

"We have no idea when he's going to be back so we are hoping this young lad will come in and score a few goals."

After being rested for Saturday's game, Paul Hyde, Ben Sly and Lee Winfield should all return to the start-

ing line-up for the trip to second-placed Holmesdale.

Leaders Hythe are the only unbeaten team in the division and lead their opponents on goal difference.

Holmesdale have surprised many observers so far after struggling last season, but after Hythe lost to them in the Kent Senior Trophy last month, Fisk believes they are genuine title contenders.

He said: "When we went up there they were playing down their chances, but we won't be falling for that one, at the moment they are one of the best sides in the league without doubt."

Midfielder Dave Cook is suspended for the game after picking up a fifth booking of the season.

Weather is the only winner in cup game

DEAL Town's hopes of causing an upset in the Kent Premier Division Cup were postponed on Saturday due to bad weather.

Relentless rain waterlogged the Charles Sports Ground and prevented the game against Holmesdale from kicking off.

Deal trailed the division's surprise package 2-0 after the first leg, but will have to wait for another chance to finish the second round tie.

After a fortnight of cup matches, Town get back to league action this weekend looking for their fourth successive victory.

Weather permitting, they host a VCD Athletic side struggling to repeat the form which made them title contenders last season.

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Sharks biting back

DOVER RFC brought their losing run to an end with a draw against Dorking in awful conditions at Crabble on Saturday.

After a promising start to the season the newly-promoted Sharks went into the game on the back of four successive London 2 South defeats.

The visit of the league leaders was hardly cause for optimism, but the wind and rain brought the best out of the side as they scrapped to a hard-earned 11-11 draw.

It lifted Dover to ninth position, but they will have to be at their best again this Saturday when they visit third-placed Chobham.

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A WET WEEKEND: Dover were in complete control of their FA Trophy match before Saturday's game was abandoned, with Frannie Collin (left) setting up both goals for the Whites



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

Cambridge get help from above as rain stops play

DOVER Athletic were left frustrated when their FA Trophy match against Cambridge City was abandoned at Crabble after 58 minutes with the home side cruising to victory.

There were doubts about whether the game would go ahead before kick-off, but the pitch was judged to be playable. First-half goals from John Keister and Lawrence Ball set Dover on their way, but just before the hour mark the referee called the game off.

Dover's players surrounded the officials after the game to complain about the decision.

Assistant manager Darren Hare admitted they were not sure if the game would go ahead at all but felt that with so much of the game elapsed it should have been allowed to finish.

He told the club's website: "We were concerned about the game at around 1.30pm because we knew what the weather forecast was predicting. The pitch was playable, but there was always a chance if we had more rain the game would be called off."

"We are all really disappointed that having played 60 minutes we didn't finish the game

FOOTBALL

BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Dover Athletic 2

Keister 13, Ball 38

Cambridge City 0

Game abandoned on 58 minutes due to waterlogged pitch



because I don't think it was getting any worse."

The sodden pitch made the game a lottery at times, but Dover made the best of the conditions and took the lead on 13 minutes. After the Cambridge goalkeeper spilled a long-range shot, Frannie Collin crossed to allow an unmarked Keister to tap home from four yards.

Dover had plenty of chances and doubled their lead seven minutes before the break. Collin was again the provider, this time crossing for Ball to head home.

The game was due to be replayed at Crabble last night. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for the report and reaction.

Dover starting XI



No subs used

If the Whites manage to overcome Cambridge, they face another home tie in the FA Trophy, having been drawn to play fellow Ryman Premier side Hastings United.

The fixture is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, at Crabble.

Meanwhile, Dover have the chance to strengthen their position at the top of the Ryman Premier when they visit second-placed Staines Town on Saturday.

After 11 wins out of 12 matches, Whites go into the game with a six-point lead. They have already won at Staines this season, beating them 2-0 last month in the FA Trophy.

Dryden at the double as Invicta share the points

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Eastbourne Town 2

Dicker 40, Baitup 47

Folkestone Invicta 2

Dryden 17, 43

JIMMY Dryden scored his tenth and 11th goals of the season, but Folkestone Invicta had to settle for a draw against Eastbourne Town.

The game was played in torrential rain, but the pitch held well and the game was never in serious danger of being called off.

Dryden struck twice in the first half to give the visitors a 2-1 lead at the interval, but Eastbourne got back on level terms two minutes into the restart. The game might have gone either way, but neither side could find a winner.

Seasiders boss Neil Cugley felt his side could have won the game, but was glad the match was not abandoned.

He said: "I was quite pleased really. The conditions weren't great, but I thought both teams deserved credit for playing the right way."

"No one wanted the game to be called off and replayed on a Tuesday night later in the season, and the pitch wasn't too bad."

"I think you are always disappointed when you take the lead twice and don't go on to win, but we'll take a point."

With Matt Bourne and James Everitt suspended, assistant manager Scott Lindsay was again drafted into defence, while youngsters Kieran Byrne, Tayler Thomas and Josh



Picture: IOR KUPRO

SCORE DRAW: Jimmy Dryden (in red) scored twice at Eastbourne, in a game where Tayler Thomas (above) impressed

Folkestone starting XI



No subs used

Burchell played their second game in four days. Eastbourne had the ball in the net early on, but it was ruled out for offside. Four minutes later Folkestone opened the scoring. Thomas, a highly-rated 18-year-old loan signing from Gillingham,

crossed low and Dryden finished with ease to move into double figures for the season.

Invicta were in control for much of the half, but were pegged back five minutes before the break when Chris Dicker rammed home from 20 yards. The parity was short-lived as Dryden headed in Byrne's cross just before the half-time whistle.

Eastbourne got back in the game on 47 minutes, but as the rain got heavier the match became more of a lottery as both sides settled for a point.

Folkestone host basement side Crowborough Athletic on Saturday.

The Seasiders were in action away to Godalming Town last night, log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the report and reaction.

FOOTBALL



Picture: LAMBERT ARNOLD

FUTURE IN DOUBT? Invicta manager Neil Cugley

Money problems gives youngsters their chance

FOLKESTONE Invicta boss Neil Cugley is urging the young players in his squad to take advantage of the opportunities created by the club's financial problems.

The Seasiders revealed debts of more than £200,000 last month and while the board attempts to find a solution, all payments to the playing squad have been suspended.

With the senior players free to leave, the gaps in the squad will be mainly filled by young players who would normally have found their route to first-team football blocked.

Cugley admits he does not know how long the senior players will stay but is pleased with the impact made by the youngsters so far.

He said: "We are still trying to keep hold of people and keep it going. I have to change the side around from game to game, but generally I'm quite pleased so far."

"Kieran Byrne has come in and made his debut, Tayler Thomas and Frankie Chappell are in on loan, Josh Burchell has played a couple of games and played really well. No one wants to be in this situation, but there are positives for the young players who have now got a great opportunity."

"Especially for the young players it's a difficult time, but you have to take your chance. Often it takes financial issues to give a crop of young players a run in the side - that's how Jimmy Dryden got started, so it's up to them to make the most of it."

Cugley, whose own position is in doubt if the crisis persists, has called in several favours. Former Invicta players Frankie Chappell and Mark Towse have arrived from Welling United and Corinthian Casuals respectively, while Liam Dickson is expected to return after a month on loan at Herne Bay.

The Cheriton Road boss has been proud of the squad's response to the problems but is not looking too far ahead.

He said: "It's an ongoing situation with the players - we really are taking it week to week at the moment until the situation gets resolved, but we should be able to put out a strong side on Saturday."

LEAGUE TABLES (not including midweek matches)

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	12	11	0	1	+19	33
2 Staines Town	13	8	3	2	+11	27
3 Carshalton Athletic	15	8	3	4	+3	27
4 Tooting & M'ham Utd	15	8	3	4	+5	26
5 Tonbridge Angels	14	7	3	4	+9	24
6 Maidstone United	13	7	2	4	+7	23
7 Boreham Wood	13	6	4	3	+5	22
8 Canvey Island	15	6	4	5	+3	22
9 Ashford Town (Mx)	13	7	0	6	+3	21
10 Hastings United	15	7	0	8	-2	21
11 Harlow Town	12	6	2	4	+8	20
12 Billericay Town	14	5	4	5	-5	19
13 Dartford	14	5	3	6	-1	18
14 AFC Hornchurch	13	5	3	5	-1	18
15 Wealdstone	15	4	4	7	-1	16
16 Horsham	12	5	1	6	-4	16
17 Sutton United	12	4	4	4	-4	16
18 Margate	15	3	3	9	-11	12
19 Ramsgate	16	2	3	8	-12	12
20 Heybridge Swifts	14	1	6	7	-8	9
21 Hendon	12	2	2	8	-4	8
22 Harrow Borough	13	1	5	7	-20	8

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Kingstonian	13	10	3	0	+23	33
2 Metropolitan Police	15	7	6	2	+11	27
3 Folkestone Invicta	14	7	4	3	+6	25
4 Cray Wanderers	13	7	3	3	+5	24
5 Godalming Town	14	7	2	5	+10	23
6 Merstham	14	7	2	5	+1	23
7 Sittingbourne	13	7	1	5	-1	22

18 Walton Casuals	13	3	3	7	-8	12
19 Chipstead	11	2	4	5	-9	10
20 Corinthian-Casuals	15	2	4	9	-14	10
21 Croydon Athletic	13	2	3	8	-9	9
22 Crowborough Ath	13	2	3	8	-11	9

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Hythe Town	10	8	2	0	+17	26
2 Holmesdale	11	8	2	1	+12	26
3 Tunbridge Wells	10	7	0	3	+5	21
4 Erith & Belvedere	7	5	1	1	+3	16
5 Greenwich Borough	10	5	1	4	-1	16
6 Faversham Town	9	5	0	4	+9	15
7 Deal Town	10	4	2	4	0	14
8 Herne Bay	10	4	1	5	+4	13
9 Croydon	9	4	1	4	+1	13
10 Norton Sports	10	4	1	5	-6	13
11 Erith Town	7	4	0	8	+6	12
12 Sevenoaks Town	10	3	3	4	-2	12
13 Beckenham Town	12	3	2	7	-3	11
14 Slade Green	10	3	2	5	-3	11
15 VCD Athletic	8	3	0	5	0	9
16 Lordswood	7	0	0	27	-16	0
17 Sporting Bengal	8	0	0	8	-26	0

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Premier Division - Staines Town v Dover Athletic, Ryman Division One South - Folkestone Invicta v Crowborough Athletic, Kent League Premier Division - Deal Town v VCD Athletic, Holmesdale v Hythe Town



ON A ROLL: Folkestone made it three wins in a row at Hastings and moved up into third place in the league

Stones go rolling into third place

FOLKESTONE braved the elements on the south coast to come away with a third successive victory which moved them up to third in the London 4 South East table.

Wind and rain battered the players throughout the match, but both sides worked hard to put on a good display in testing conditions.

With no fewer than eight forwards missing from the squad, Folkestone coach Lee Jeffery brought in Chris Gamble, who came back from university for the match.

The Stones got off to a great start with a fine deep kick-off from Steve Morgan.

The hosts were pinned back on their own line and with a turnover Dave Easby crashed over for an early score. Seyhan Fell added the conversion to make it 7-0.

In an otherwise even first half, Hastings got on the scoreboard with a penalty to reduce the lead at the interval to four points.

RUGBY

Hastings & Bexhill 3 Folkestone 15

Fell added another penalty after the break to restore the seven-point cushion, but Folkestone spent much of the half on the back foot.

But stout defending kept Hastings at bay and eventually Folkestone's improved fitness levels began to tell.

The victory was sealed when Steve Morgan and Richard Lama combined well on the halfway line and spread the ball out to prop Mat Roots on the right wing.

He drove into the 22 and offloaded a perfect pass to Gamble, who sped over for a try on his return to the side.

The Stones will attempt to make it four in a row this Saturday when they host Heathfield & Waldron.

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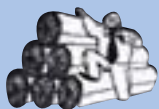
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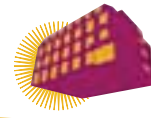
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